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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, ID, GSUSA

SUBJECT: METRIC System and COSMIC System

REFERENCE: CSGID-PC 904.3, Memorandum dated 10 Jan 1950  
from Deputy Director of Intelligence, ID, GSUSA,  
to Director of Central Intelligence

1. The reference memorandum described the forthcoming replacement of METRIC by COSMIC security procedures, and suggested that a recent request from this Agency for further METRIC clearances be reconsidered in view of the proposed change. Subsequent to our receipt of this memorandum a communication was received from the Director of Plans & Operations (file P&O 380.01 NATO (27 Dec 1949)) forwarding a copy of DC 2/1, Security System for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The Director, P&O, suggested that this Agency establish a COSMIC Control Office, designate Control Officers, and prepare a list of those personnel whose duties would require them to have access to COSMIC papers.

2. Enclosed herewith are two copies of my reply to the Director, P&O. I believe you will find it self-explanatory, and in accord with our arrangements with yourself.

3. Major Whalen's very effective cooperation with my people is keenly appreciated, and your suggestion that he brief those of them who will require access to COSMIC traffic is most welcome. May I suggest that he make arrangements for the briefing, when the time is ripe, either with [redacted] CIA Liaison Officer to the Army, or with [redacted] Assistant Director for Collection & Dissemination.

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